

# SEATTLE PLAYGARDEN

A Garden for Everyone

## **Job Description: Summer Camp Counselor**

Every summer, the PlayGarden offers 9 consecutive weeks of fully inclusive nature-based summer camp for children, youth and young adults with and without disabilities ages 3.5-21. Camps are Monday-Thursday, with counselors working from 8:30am-2:30pm. With a high staff to camper ratio, we are able to support every child in their quest for adventure and play! We are looking for enthusiastic, outgoing, playful, and responsible individuals to join our team. Counselors support campers in engaging in good old-fashioned outdoor play, friendship building and exploration of our one-acre PlayGarden. Counselors also provide physical, communication, behavioral, social-emotional support to campers so that kids can play in a fully inclusive environment. Camp is led by our two Camp Directors and staffed by 10-12 counselors.

### **Job Specifics:**

**Job Title:** Camp Counselor

**Supervisor(s):** Camp Directors

**Start/End Dates:** June 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 24<sup>th</sup> includes paid staff training and ongoing mentorship.

**Days/Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm, approx. 24hrs./week. Possibility to increase hours up to 30 hrs./week in conjunction with our Open Play Program.

**Rate of Pay:** \$15-\$19/hr.DOE

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- Assist campers, as needed, in all camp activities including playing, eating, dressing, and toileting.
- Participate enthusiastically in all group games and circle time activities.
- Work with the team to set up, maintain, and clean up camp activities.
- Engage in art, music, outdoor play, gardening, and cooking with campers.
- Mentor participants in our Junior Counselor program.
- Come to camp every day on time, ready to work hard and play hard.

### **Job Requirements:**

- Experience playing and working with children of all ages.
- Willingness to learn about disability and inclusion strategies.
- Willingness to work collaboratively in a team environment.
- Current CPR and First Aid certification (within 15 days of hiring, we will arrange a group training time for summer staff).
- Ability to work outside in all weather.
- Warm, caring, outgoing personality
- Ability to pass a WA State background check

**Before Applying:** We encourage interested applicants to read information about camp on our website, explore photos of what camp looks like on our social media channels and watch videos of camp on our youtube channel to get a true sense of what working at camp is like.

**To Apply:** Download and fill out the Employee Application from our Summer Camp Page on our website and send a cover letter email expressing your interest and experience to our Inclusive Programs Director, Hannah Gallagher at [Hannah@seattleplaygarden.org](mailto:Hannah@seattleplaygarden.org)

**Equal Opportunity Employer:** The Seattle PlayGarden is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage applicants from all cultural, racial and linguistic backgrounds to apply. Having a staff that authentically reflects the communities we serve is a critical step in creating the inclusive world we envision.